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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, OCON, IMCO

SUBJECT: LOS - SEABED COMMITTEE OPPOSITION TO IMCO
MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE.

IMCO SYG, COLIN GOAD, TOLD EMBOFF THAT DURING RECENT TRIP TO GENEVA HE HAD HEARD RUMORS FROM THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES THAT UN'S MAURICE STRONG WAS BEHIND ATTACKS IN SEABED COMMITTEE, LED BY KENYA AND MALTA, DIRECTED AGAINST IMCO'S FORTHCOMING MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN IMCO OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO RUMORS, STRONG MOTIVATED BY INTEREST IN RETAINING WITHIN HIS OWN ENVIRONMENT ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARINE POLLUTION ISSUES. GOAD SAID HE CONFRONTED STRONG'S DEPUTY, THRUSH, WITH RUMORS AND ASKED HIM IF HE AND STRONG WERE BEHIND EFFORTS TO RESTRICT IMCO'S ROLE IN MARINE ENVIRONMENT ISSUES. THRUSH CATEGORICALLY DENIED RUMORS AND SAID STRONG RECOGNIZED IMCO WAS KEY AGENCY FOR DEALING WITH MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS TO SEE IMCO GET ON WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA. DESPITE DENIAL,
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HOWEVER, GOAD SEEMS INCLINED TO BELIEVE RUMORS SUFFI-

CIENTLY PERSISTENT AND WELL- SOURCED TO GIVE THEM SOME
CREDIBILITY.
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